

Milwaukie Arts Committee 12/18/13 meeting minutes

In attendance: Beth Ragel, Jeff Davis, Lars Campbell, Kara Busick, Lisa Fossen and Elyssa Thelin. Absent: Val Hubbard.

The minutes from the previous meeting were moved and approved by consensus.

Events were announced that are to occur at the Ledding Library this month. January 4, 2014 has the Mt. Hood Brass Quintet performing, the monthly poetry series is January 8 at the library's Pond House, and on January 11 is the William Stafford birthday celebration, also at the Pond House.

Beth makes her plea for content for the website. We need blog entries, and a few authors have been set up. Carolyn Tomei is set to write a blog entry. It is suggested that K. Marie might want to write one, so someone from the group will inquire about her willingness to do that.

Beth presents the current status of the mural program. The biggest point of discussion is how we will fund our program. Beth believes that there are a couple of ways to find a little bit of money in the city budget that could be allocated toward public art. Jeff believes that the Arts Alliance might be able to give operating support to us, though it is unclear if this is possible for our organization. It was also suggested that they might be support for specific projects, but not for general support. It is also suggested that we meet with members of city council to help them understand our goals. There is discussion of who could talk to whom.

On Tuesday, January 7, there is a council work session. We are encouraged to go and listen to the discussion on the artistic bike rack that was installed in Riverfront Park, commissioned by "We Love Clean Rivers". Of note is the lack of a public art process that could guide such a commission (this particular piece went through the Land Use process).

Important dates are discussed for future meetings:

January 7: Council work session

January 15: regular artMOB meeting

January 18: artMOB retreat

Meeting is adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Notes taken by Lars Campbell.